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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP ART UNIT 1646

Docket No.: 01017/36917A

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In re Patent Application of:
Medlock et al.

Application No.: 09/810,927

Group Art Unit: 1646

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Examiner: J. Anders

For: IL-17 RECEPTOR LIKE MOLECULES AND
USES THEREOF

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116 AND
SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

MS AF
Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to a final office action mailed July 28, 2003 (hereinafter the "Action"), wherein claims 4-6, 10-14, 59-61 and 93-95 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) over Shi *et al.* (WO 99/14240). Those same claims were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over Shaughnessy (US 2002/0102639). Claims 1, 3-12, 14, 59-61, 74, 75 and 90-96 were provisionally rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 for statutory-type double patenting and under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks. This amendment is timely filed with a petition and fee for a three-month extension of time. A Request for Continued Examination is being filed herewith.

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